

POT CREEK MINUTES
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

The meeting was held Monday, March 14, 1977, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse, Vernal, Utah. Robert Guy opened the meeting and asked the group if they would like to elect a new chairman. The consensus of opinion was that Mr. Guy had done a good job and should continue. Mr. Guy gave a call of the minutes of last year's meeting and asked if there were any corrections or amendments. The minutes were approved as read with no corrections. Mr. Guy then asked John Bene to give the financial statement. Mr. Bene read the statement. Mr. Norseth then commented that no assessment had been made in 1976 and the system would have to increase the 1977 assessment to cover the obligations of 1976. The financial statement as read was approved.

Commissioner Udell Gardiner was then asked for his report. (See the attached copy.) He stated that the upper gage on Pot Creek showed a runoff of 1,689.32 second-feet while the lower gage showed a runoff of 313.8 second-feet. Crouse Reservoir was 2/3 full from draining Matt Warner Reservoir to salvage the fish. Lower Calder Reservoir was also full. Matt Warner has no storage at present. During 1976 the commissioner turned the water to Dave Karren at Brown's Park as they wished on a call basis. The report was approved as given.

The 1977 budget was then discussed. The budget for 1977 was set at \$756.27, and the assessment was made the same. Lloyd Winward made the motion that the budget be approved, Bob Nielson seconded, and motion carried.

Robert Guy then brought up the recommendation being due for the 1977 commissioner. Alvin Kay made the motion that Udell Gardiner be recommended to the State Engineer for commissioner. Lloyd Winward seconded the motion. Max Rasmussen made the motion that Udell Gardiner be recommended by acclamation. The motion carried.

Mr. Guy then read a letter from the Utah Water Users Association requesting a contribution in the amount of 5% of the budget to the organization. After discussion it was found that most users contribute on an individual basis or through their own irrigation systems. The suggestion died for lack of a motion.

Following the regular items of business, there was considerable discussion pointing out that there was only 1 to 1½ inches of snow on Pot Creek with the commissioner covering the system in a two-wheel drive vehicle. There was about an 11% forecast on Pot Creek's water supply.

The motion was made by Alvin Kay that Robert Guy remain chairman for 1977. Max Rasmussen seconded the motion, and it carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Those present at the meeting:

Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights
Lloyd Winward, Zelph Calder Estate
John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Robert Guy, Division of Water Rights
Wes Signs, State of Colorado
Chuck Lile, State of Colorado
Jack Leonard, Water Commission, Browns Park, Colorado
Kent Holt, State of Colorado
Bob Nielson, Division of Wildlife Resources
Stan Adams, Division of Water Rights
Allen Bennion, water user
Leo E. Hacking, water user
Udell Gardiner, water user
Alvin Kay, water user
Ralph Siddoway, water user